GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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Prevention of Accidents in Coal Mines
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any study group for using foreign techniques to prevent accidents in Coal mines ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of accidents that occurred in coal mines during the last five years till date alongwith the details of loss of lives and property in these accidents, State-wise ;

(d) Whether the Government proposes to import foreign techniques in the field of coal mining-in near future ;

(e) if so. the time by when such techniques are likely to be imported and operational ised; and

(f) the policy of the Government regarding rehabilitation of families affected by accidents in coal mines ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (a) above.

(c)Details of accidents and fatalities in coal mines during last five years, State-wise, are as follows :-

(d): Initiatives have been taken by Coal India Ltd. (C1L) for transfer of foreign technology in the field of coal mining. As way forward in this direction, CIL has floated a global tender to invite companies having core competence in implementation of state-of-the-art underground mining technology, particularly room & pillar technique using continuous miner- shuttle car and long-wall to participate in underground mining operations of certain selected mines in Eastern Coalfields Ltd & South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. Besides, technology transfer from foreign sources is also being contemplated in other locations having geo-mining suitability.

(e): As reported by Coal India Ltd., the contract for transfer of technology has already been finalized for working one patch of Jhanjra mine of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. while selection of foreign contractors for operation of other suitable mines is under process.

(f): Compensation is provided to the dependent families of the workers affected by accidents in coal mines as per the provisions of the Workmen`s Compensation Act, 1923. CIL provides following compensation in such cases:-